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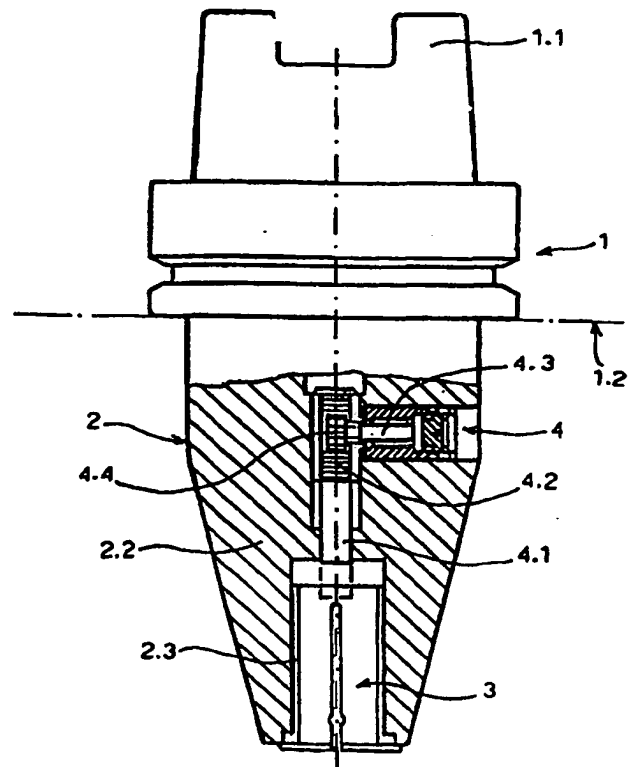
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(57) Abstract

Collet for a chuck (1) with axial tool positioning in which an axial distance between the tip of a tool and a reference surface (1.2) in the chuck (1) is set by means of an axial positioning device (4) that comprises an axially moveable rod (4.1). The collet (3) comprises a collet body (3.1) that shows collet jaws (3.8) and has an external diameter adjusted to the chuck (1) and a cylinder-shaped tool opening (3.2) adjusted to the tool to be attached in the chuck (1) and that is part of a through opening. A distance piece (5) is arranged at the inner end of the collet (3) and intended to transmit an axial positioning motion between the rod (4.1) and the inner end of the tool in tool positioning.



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COLLET FOR A CHUCK WITH AN AXIAL POSITIONING DEVICE

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a collet for a
5 chuck intended for or provided with an axial positioning
device like a hydraulic chuck comprising an axially
moveable rod for the tool positioning.

BACKGROUND TECHNICS

In chucks with an axial tool positioning a
10 desired axial distance is adjusted between the tip of the
tool and a reference surface on the chuck in a pre-
setting fixture showing a corresponding reference surface
intended to interact with the reference surface on the
chuck and generally connected to a projector, provided
15 with a source of light, showing the tip of the tool and
provided with a measuring scale that indicates the
desired distance from the reference surface. Hydraulic
chucks show at their fore end generally an elastic
cylinder-shaped clamping sleeve, intended to clamp the
20 tool inserted into the sleeve by the effect of a
hydraulic pressure.

A known hydraulic chuck provided with a
hydraulic clamping member for the clamping of tools and
with a built-in axial tool positioning device comprises
25 an axially moveable rod provided with a rack section that
is connected with an adjusting axle provided with
corresponding teeth and that when turning imparts an
axial movement to the toothed rod. In normal use of such
a chuck provided with a membrane-shaped, elastic clamping
30 sleeve the tool gets such an insertion depth in the tool
opening that the entire jacket surface of the clamping
sleeve is in contact with the shank of the tool within
the axial positioning zone of the chuck, i.e. even when
the moveable rod in the chuck is in its outermost
35 position, in order to not damaging the clamping sleeve by
the increased pressure that is achieved in clamping the
tool. If the membrane of the clamping sleeve not would

get support from the shank of the tool it could be pressed out freely and get deformed and even could break.

Up to now it has not been possible to use known collets in known adjustable hydraulic chucks. The primary cause is that tools with little diameter of shank occurring in the market also show such little insertion length that the moveable rod in the chuck not can be brought in contact with the inner end of the tool. It could actually be possible to solve this problem either by creating a tool with larger insertion length than normally which would mean increased costs for the keeping of tools at the user's or to create chucks provided with moveable rods with greater axial motion which would raise the price of those chucks. These solutions are therefore not practicable.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention has been achieved in a new collet intended for a chuck for axial tool positioning by means of an axial positioning device, the axial positioning device comprising an axially moveable rod that effects the inner end of the tool inserted into the chuck. The axial positioning device may be separate and be part of a separate fixture or positioning device or be built-in into the chuck.

The collet according to the invention comprises a collet body showing clamping members and has an external diameter adjusted to the chuck, and a cylinder-shaped tool opening with an inner diameter adjusted to the tool to be clamped in the chuck. The tool opening is part of a through opening in the collet whereby the moveable rod in the axial positioning device via a distance piece, for instance a separate piston, is brought in contact with the tools inner end inside the collet at an axial tool positioning.

When using a collet according to the invention this is arranged with such an insertion depth that the entire jacket surface of the clamping sleeve is in

contact with the jacket surface of the collet whereas the tool with its minor diameter of shank shows a shorter insertion length and extends a bit into the collet. By that the moveable rod in its farthest position is allowed
5 to insert a bit into the collet in contact with the distance piece without any risk of damaging the membrane of the clamping sleeve as the collet supports the whole of the membrane in the clamping sleeve. However, nothing hinders that the distance piece protrudes a bit at the
10 inner end of the collet.

Further features and characteristics concerning the present invention are evident from the description to the drawings subsequently and from the claims.

DESCRIPTION TO THE DRAWINGS

15 The invention is described subsequently as an example of an embodiment in connection with the enclosed drawings.

Figure 1 shows a hydraulic chuck seen in a sectional view provided with a collet according to the
20 invention.

Figure 2 shows the collet according to figure 1 partly seen in a longitudinal section.

Figure 3 shows the collet according to figure 1 seen in a longitudinal section and showing a distance
25 piece in the form of an axially moveable piston.

Figure 4 shows the collet according to figures 2 and 3 seen in a view towards its free end.

Figure 5 shows the piston of the collet seen separately.

30 Figure 6 shows a collet in an alternative embodiment.

The hydraulic chuck 1 as shown in the figures comprises an attachment 1.1 on a casing 2 intended to be connected to a machine tool. The casing 2 shows a cone-
35 shaped section 2.2 in which a cylinder-shaped clamping sleeve 2.3 is mounted provided with an elastic membrane and intended to clamp a tool or a collet provided with a

tool inserted into the clamping sleeve 2.3 by means of hydraulic pressure. Increase or decrease of the hydraulic pressure is done by means of a hydraulic adjusting device, not shown in the figures, comprising a piston
5 arranged on a threaded hydraulic journal provided with a notch for instance for a hexagon spanner. The tool or the collet 3 that is placed in the clamping sleeve 2.3 is clamped by screwing of the hydraulic journal into corresponding threaded holes.

10 As shown in figure 1 the casing 2 is provided with an axial positioning device 4 comprising a rod 4.1 that shows a rack section 4.2 being connected to a pinion 4.4 that is arranged on a adjusting axle 4.3. The positioning axle 4.3 shows at its outer end a notch for
15 instance for a second hexagon spanner by means of which the positioning axle 4.3 and by that the pinion 4.4 may be turned and by that move the rod 4.1.

The collet 3, shown in figure 1 inserted into the former section 2 of the chuck 1 and shown in detail
20 in figs. 2 and 3, comprises a collet body 3.1 with an external diameter adjusted to the chuck 1 and a cylindrical tool opening 3.2 with an internal diameter adjusted to the tool to be clamped in the chuck 1. The collet body 3.1 shows at its end in the chuck a cylinder-
25 shaped tube 3.3 for a piston 5 that in its turn shows partly a piston section 5.1 running in the tube 3.3, partly a from this piston section protruding journal 5.2 with a diameter less than the piston section 5.1 that extends into the tool opening 3.2. The piston 5 is kept
30 motion limited in the tube 3.3 by means of an in a slot arranged outer stopping ring 3.5 and an in the tube 3.3 arranged internal seat 3.6.

The collet body 3.1 is also provided with four longitudinal slots 3.7 and shows by that four collet jaws
35 3.8 that, when the collet 3 is put under pressure from the clamping sleeve 2.3, springs towards and clamps the tool concerned. A flange 3.9 partitioned by the slots 3.7

is arranged at the outer, free end of the collet 3 as a stop member for the insertion of the collet into the chuck 1.

In adjustment of a desired distance between the
5 tip of a tool and a reference surface 1.2 on the chuck 1 extending in a level perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the chuck 1 the chuck 1 is placed in a measuring fixture connected with a measuring device that measures the distance from a corresponding reference
10 surface of the fixture. The hydraulic pressure in the chuck 1 then is zero since the piston of the hydraulic positioning device has been unscrewed by means of the first hexagon spanner. The rod 4.1 is inserted in its inner position since the second hexagon spanner has been
15 turned into this position. The tool, that may consist of for instance an end-cutter, is placed in the clamping sleeve 2.3 and adjusted into the desired axial position by turning of the adjusting axle 4.3 by means of the second hexagon spanner. When the desired position is
20 reached, the first hexagon spanner is turned so that the hydraulic pressure increases and clamps the collet 3 with the tool in the desired position in the clamping sleeve 2.3.

The collet 3, shown in figure 6, shows a tool
25 opening 3.2 that extends with the same diameter all the way through the collet 3 excepted a notch in its jacket surface for a stopping ring 3.5. A piston 5 with some minor diameter than the diameter of the tool opening 3.2 is arranged therein and provided with two friction
30 decreasing O-rings 5.3 that lie close to the jacket surface of the tool opening 3.2. In that way the piston 5 may get inserted manually by means of the tool when inserted and pushed out with the moveable rod 4.1 when positioning the tool. It is actually not necessary to
35 arrange a stopping ring 3.5 in the tool opening 3.2 but it is a practical measure to prevent the piston 5 to be pushed out from the collet 3 by mistake when inserting

the tool. The stopping ring 3.5 may alternately be replaced by an inserting collar or a fixed washer at the end of the collet 3.

- 5 It lies within the scope of the invention to also use the collet according to the invention in a sleeve chuck provided with an axial positioning device, not shown in the figures. In such a chuck the tool is clamped with collet jaws actuated by a surrounding, axially moveable sleeve.

CLAIMS

1. Collet for a chuck (1) with axial tool positioning in which an axial distance between the tip of a tool and a reference surface (1.2) in the chuck (1) is
5 set by means of an axial positioning device (4) that comprises an axially moveable rod (4.1), the collet (3) comprising a collet body (3.1) that shows collet jaws (3.8) and has an external diameter adjusted to the chuck (1) and a cylinder-shaped tool opening (3.2) adjusted to
10 the tool to be attached in the chuck (1) and that is part of a through opening, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that at least one distance piece (5) is arranged freely axially sliding at the inner end of the collet (3) and intended to be connected with the moveable rod (4.1) in
15 the axial positioning device (4) and to transmit an axial positioning motion between the rod (4.1) and the inner end of the tool in tool positioning.

2. Sleeve according to claim 1, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the distance piece (5) is
20 moveable between two stop positions (3.5, 3.6).

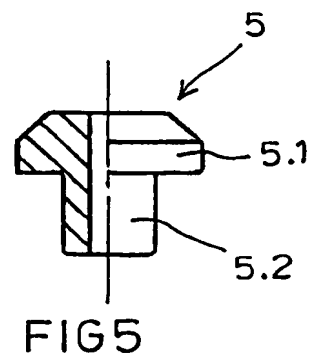
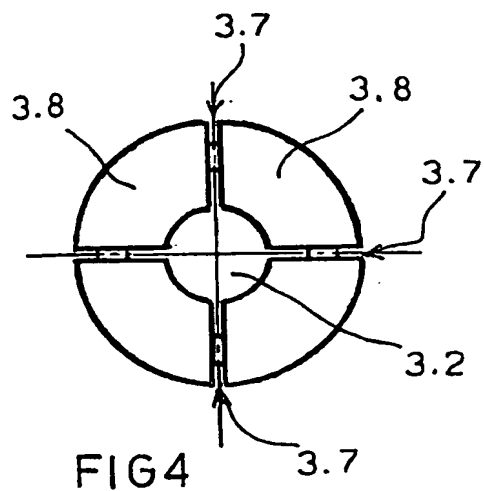
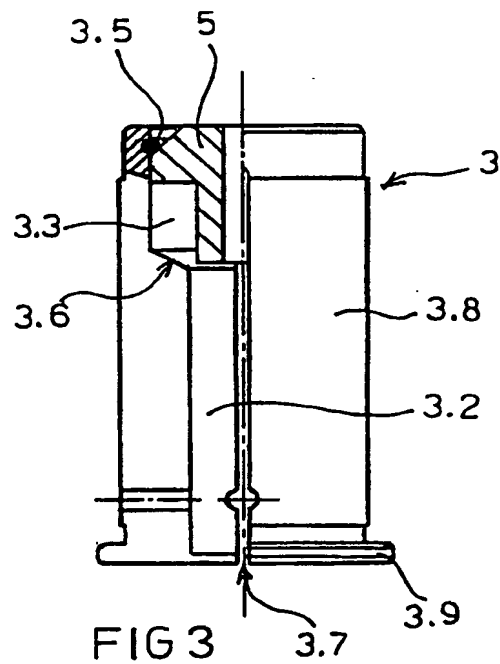
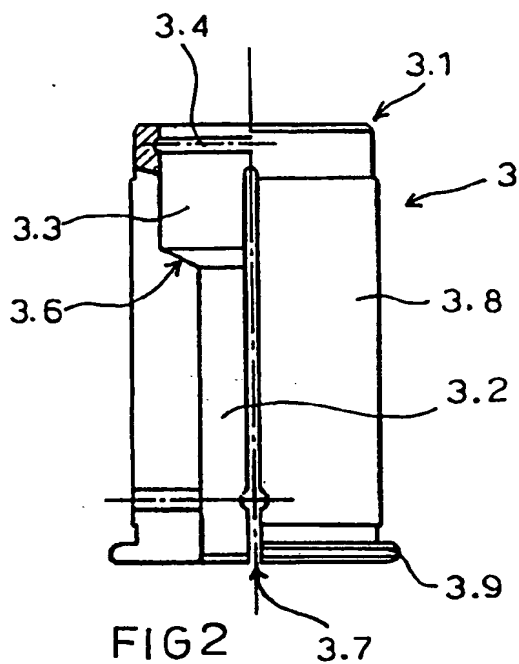
3. Sleeve according to claim 1 or 2,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the piston (5) shows a piston section (5.1) and protruding from this a journal (5.2) and that the piston section (5.1) is
25 moveable within a tube (3.3) with a larger diameter than die diameter of the tool opening (3.2).

4. Sleeve according to claim 1, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the distance piece (5) shows friction decreasing members (5.3) that are connected with
30 the jacket surface of the tool opening (3.2) at its extension at the inner end of the collet (3).

5. Sleeve according to claim 4, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the friction decreasing members (5.3) are one or more O-rings.

35 6. Sleeve according to claim 4 or 5,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a stop position (3.5) is arranged at the inner end of the tool opening (3.2).

7. Chuck according to one of the claims 1-6,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the collet (3) is
clamped hydraulically in the chuck (1) by means of a
clamping sleeve (2.3) provided with an elastic membrane
s that is actuated by a hydraulic fluid.



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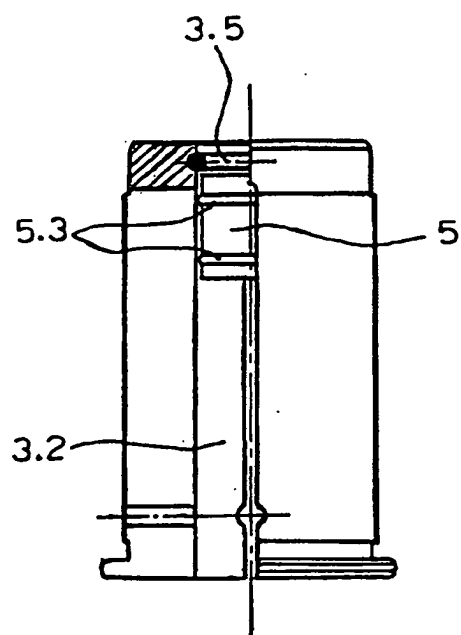


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